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## GIGANTIC COMBINATION OF WHOLESALE HOUSES

Is the Report Rife Here and Else-  
where--Many Stories are Being  
Told About an Alleged Big Deal  
by Wholesale Grocers in Central  
West Virginia, but None Seem to  
be Well Founded.

### FIRM OF ARBUCKLE BROTHERS NOT CONNECTED WITH IT

Say Those Who Are in Position to Know, and While  
There is a Deal Pending, it is Not of the Nature  
and Magnitude Report Has It.

Important rumors are rife in whole-  
sale circles in Clarksburg to the effect  
that a movement is on foot and prac-  
tically consummated by which there will  
be significant changes in the conduct of  
the wholesale trade all through Central  
West Virginia. The alleged movement,  
according to report, is in reference to  
the wholesale grocery establishments in  
various parts of this section of the state,  
and has nothing to do with the other  
kinds of wholesale business.

The story goes that Arbuckle Brothers,  
of New York, wholesalers of sugar and  
coffee, are about to purchase, or have  
purchased, all the establishments belong-  
ing to the Ruhl-Koblegard company,  
Armstrong, Crislip, Day & Co. and oth-  
ers. Another rumor is that it is not the  
firm, Arbuckle Brothers, that is behind  
the deal, but that it is the American  
Sugar Refining company, of New York.  
Still another version is that there is a  
large syndicate buying the properties  
of United States Senator Stephen B.  
Elkins and John A. Clark, of Fairmont,  
as the head of it.

In this connection it is also stated,  
but not officially, that the control of  
the properties is to be vested in a large  
corporation made up of several home busi-  
ness men, including the present owners.  
Still another statement in connection  
with the alleged deal is that the Horner  
Gaylord company was approached on the  
subject, but declined to go into the com-  
bination or to sell their establishment.

The report goes on to say that the  
papers were all signed up the day before  
the new year, and that the properties  
are about to be turned over to the new  
concern.

It is known that very close invoices  
were taken this year, and it is stated  
with that end in view, but there is not  
yet anything authentic on that.

It is emphatically denied by those in  
position to know beyond a doubt that  
Arbuckle Brothers are not buying, or  
have they attempted in any way to buy,  
the properties mentioned. It is further  
stated that the fact that this firm does  
not do business in that way is another  
evidence that it is not connected with  
any sale or transfer of these properties,  
and will not have control of them.

As far as the reported connection of  
the American Sugar Refining company  
with anything of the sort is concerned,  
that is also denied by parties who would  
be identified with any such movement,  
and who would most likely know all  
about it.

The truth of the matter is that nearly  
everything told in connection with this  
alleged movement is denied in toto by  
persons who would necessarily have to be  
associated with it, if it were true.

Such a movement as has been reported  
could include and comprise a number of  
leading concerns in this section of the  
state, and in several of the most impor-  
tant cities and towns of the section.

Among them are the wholesale houses  
of the Ruhl-Koblegard company and  
Armstrong, Crislip, Day & Co., both of  
this city, the Ruhl company and the Spi-  
del company at Grafton, the Koblegard  
company at Weston, the West Virginia  
grocery company at Brimleyville, the  
wholesale house of Armstrong, Crislip,  
Day & Co. at Buckhannon, the Randolph  
company at Elkins and the West Vir-  
ginia Grocery and Candy company at  
Fairmont, representing many hundred  
thousand dollars and making one of the  
largest consolidations of the kind in the  
United States.

It is admitted that there is pending  
a movement that may affect some of  
the wholesale houses, but nothing of the  
magnitude described in the reports in circu-  
lation.

That there may be some changes of  
more or less importance is also admitted.

but it is stated that there has been  
no consummation of the matter as yet.  
It is likely that nothing more definite  
than is given here will be known for sev-  
eral days, and then it will not be of the  
gigantic magnitude or have the great  
significance these reports indicate.

## WAR CRIES SOLD FAST

In Elkins, Where Nearly Every One  
Bought One--Captain Pond Has Had  
Fine Luck Selling Them.

Captain Will J. Pond and some of the  
boys of the Salvation Army returned  
Friday night from a trip to Elkins, where  
they sold Christmas War Cries. The  
captain was well pleased with the trip.  
Nearly every one in Elkins bought one,  
not more than 10 people refusing. He  
sold nearly 400 on the trip and has only  
300 of the 3,500 sent him just before  
Christmas to sell.

## ADAMSTON REPUBLICANS NOMINATE

Ticket for Coming Municipal Election  
With Mr. Southern at the Head  
for Mayor.

The Republicans held a convention in  
the school house at Adamston Thurs-  
day night and nominated a ticket for the  
coming election.

The convention was presided over by  
J. E. Boyles, and Carl Drummond acted  
as secretary.

A number of speeches were made and  
considerable enthusiasm was manifested.  
The ticket nominated is as follows:

G. C. Southern, for mayor.

D. H. Cutright, for recorder.

J. E. Boyles, Joseph Schutte, Gottlieb  
Schutte, Arthur Shafer and Clarence  
Baxter, for councilmen.

## FARMERS' BANK OPENS

In Its Banking Rooms in the Irwin  
Building--First Day's Business  
Quite Satisfactory.

The Farmers bank in the Irwin build-  
ing opened Saturday for the first time  
for business. The opening day was quite  
gratifying from a business standpoint to  
those in charge.

The banking rooms are very nicely and  
neatly furnished and moderately equipped.  
They consist of the cashier's room, the  
teller's quarters, the collection depart-  
ment, the vault, directors' room and so  
forth. All are quite spacious and invit-  
ing.

The officers in charge are Charles W.  
Furber, cashier; Fred B. Wood, teller;  
and E. Thad Post, bookkeeper. Mr. Fur-  
ber has had much experience in bank-  
ing, and is regarded a valuable official.  
Mr. Wood has been connected with the  
Traders National bank here several years,  
and has good knowledge of the business.  
Mr. Post is familiar with bookkeeping  
and is a hustler. The personnel of the  
officials will prove more than satisfac-  
tory to the directors and the patronage.

The board of directors held a meeting  
at 11 o'clock and an adjourned session  
in the afternoon to look after matters  
pertaining to the opening of the bank.

### OPERATION WAS SUCCESSFUL.

Dr. Homer Green, of Center Point,  
who came to the Kessler hospital some  
time ago to undergo an operation for  
an abscess, was discharged from that in-  
stitution Saturday, and he returned to  
his home. The operation was a very  
successful one and his recovery will be  
rapid.

## MACCABEES INITIATE CANDIDATES

And State Grand Commander Installs Of-  
ficers for Ensuing Term--Large  
Crowd in Attendance.

The Order of Maccabees had an un-  
usually large and interesting meeting in  
the Knights of Pythian building in Glen  
Elk Friday night and a number was  
added to the membership of this very  
popular and rapidly growing order.

The candidates initiated were John A.  
McDonald, Charles L. Smith, C. L.  
Wright, C. E. Crimm and James A. Mc-  
Donald.

C. C. Showalter, the state grand com-  
mander, was present from Parkersburg  
and installed the officers for the ensuing  
term.

## AGED LADY BADLY HURT

FALLS ON THE ICE PAVEMENT AND  
FRACTURES BONES OF HER  
LEFT HIP.

Blame Attached to City Authorities for  
Awful Condition of That Street, and  
City May Be Liable for  
Damages.

Mrs. Mary Waters, aged widow of  
John Waters, residing on Water street,  
sustained a very severe and serious ac-  
cident Friday morning at 10 o'clock on  
the street crossing on Mechanic street  
alongside the Kessler hospital. As she  
was attempting to cross the street she  
slipped and fell heavily. Her injuries  
were such that she could not rise, and  
she had to be picked up and carried to  
her home. The hospital physicians at-  
tended her. They found that her left  
hip was broken.

Owing to her advanced age, the injury  
is likely to prove very annoying, and  
it will be a long time before she will be  
able to be out. Considerable culpability  
attaches to the city authorities for the  
condition of the street at that point  
and another accident of this sort should  
not be suffered to occur, or, if it does,  
the city should be held responsible for  
damages. Mrs. Waters is about 70 years  
of age.

## NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION

By the Sunday School at Methodist Epis-  
copal Church, South--Pretty Union  
Service Held.

At the M. E. church, South, there was  
held Friday afternoon a unique service--  
a reception to the officers, teachers, school-  
ers and their parents. The exercises be-  
gan at 2 o'clock, the regular hour for  
Sunday school, by singing "Praise God  
from Whom All Blessing Flow." The pro-  
gram was varied and interesting  
throughout. The roll was called and  
each scholar present, as his or her name  
was called, came forward, exchanged  
greetings with the superintendent and  
pastor, and was given a beautiful sou-  
venir New Year card. All parents pre-  
sent were called to the front, introduced  
to the superintendent and pastor, and  
licensee each received a pretty New Year  
card.

After this all present were served with  
light refreshments in the pastor's study.  
While the refreshments were being en-  
joyed by some, the exercises were con-  
tinued in the auditorium.

The time passed rapidly and at the  
proper moment the exercises were closed  
by singing, at the request of the schol-  
ars, "When the Roll is Call Up Yonder,"  
followed by the Sunday school benedic-  
tion.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED.

A marriage license has been issued as  
follows:  
Jacob B. Smith and Rosemond Bates.

## BAPTIST STATISTICS GRATIFYING

AS SHOWN BY REPORTS READ AT  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF  
CHURCH HERE.

Large Sum Raised for Missions and Be-  
nevolences--Big School Attendance.  
Strong Address by Rev. Moore.

The annual business meeting of the  
First Baptist church was held on Thurs-  
day evening, December 31. The pastor  
presided as moderator, and, in the ab-  
sence from the city of the clerk, Mr.  
Walter Elliott was clerk pro tem.

A short devotional service was held  
from 7:30 to 8 o'clock in the Sunday  
school room, after which the audience  
repaired to the dining room. The vari-  
ous reports were read. The pastor's re-  
port showed that the membership had  
increased from 346 to 403. The treasur-  
er's report showed that the total con-  
tributions of the church for all purposes  
was \$3,944.25, of which \$1,050.69 was for  
missions and benevolences. Miss Snie  
Morris read the Sunday school report,  
showing a total attendance during the  
year of 6,028, averaging 128 per Sunday.  
The total money contributed by the  
school was \$272.94. Twenty-nine schol-  
ars united with the church during the  
year. Mr. L. W. Garrett presented the  
report of the Pinnickmick mission  
school, organized October 11, 1903. Av-  
erage attendance, 43, and the school re-  
ported as self-supporting. Mr. David  
J. Walters reported for the C. E. so-  
ciety a membership of 75, and a contri-  
bution to missions of \$62.76. Miss Hat-  
tie Kyle reported for the intermediate  
C. E. society, that they had helped in  
the church improvements and had bought  
a library of over 100 volumes jointly with  
the Juniors. Miss Hazel Kyle reported  
that the Juniors had a membership of  
over 40; had given \$10 to missions,  
bought a pulpit hymnal, and paid \$34  
on account of the parsonage papering.  
The Ladies' Aid society reported, through  
Miss Laura Boughner, that they had paid  
\$300.40 for the new church carpet, and  
made other disbursements, amounting to  
over \$100 more.

Mr. L. W. Garrett was re-elected as a  
deacon for the full term of three years.

The ladies served delicious coffee and  
sandwiches, after which Rev. L. B.  
Moore, of Philippi, made a strong ad-  
dress. The meeting closed with the sing-  
ing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds,"  
and the benediction by Rev. L. E. Pet-  
ers. Everything shows that the church  
work is in an encouraging condition, and  
the outlook is very hopeful for the new  
year.

## FAIR DIRECTORS MEET

AND ELECT THE OFFICERS FOR EN-  
SUING YEAR--ALL OFFICERS  
ARE RE-ELECTED.

Society Decides to Issue Stockholders  
Tickets the Coming Fair--Ade Dis-  
cussed for Holding It, But Not  
Decided Upon.

The directors of the West Virginia  
Central Agricultural and Mechanical so-  
ciety held a meeting Friday afternoon  
at 2 o'clock here and elected officers for  
the ensuing year. They also transacted  
some other business of importance.

The directors present were A. A. Lang,  
S. S. Paris, T. S. Spates, G. C. Southern,  
V. L. Highland, Frank R. Moore, B. B.  
Stout, T. T. Wallis, S. C. Denham, F. B.  
Haymaker and C. W. Lynch.

The officers were all re-elected and are  
as follows:  
S. C. Denham, president.

F. B. Haymaker, vice president.

James N. Hess, recording secretary.

T. S. Spates, treasurer.

S. S. Paris, chief marshal.

B. B. Stout, ticket marshal.

An important feature of the meeting  
was the decision to issue stockholder's  
tickets this year, it being deemed that  
the finances of the society were such as  
to justify the movement.

The date for holding the next annual  
exposition was discussed, but nothing  
definite was decided upon. It is the in-  
tention to look up dates for other fair  
years and so forth, so as not to conflict  
with them. However, it is altogether  
probable that the next fair will begin  
September 5 and be held four days.

### CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Arnold Hutchinson, colored, was ar-  
rested Saturday afternoon on a warrant  
served out in Squire James N. Davis's  
court, charging him with assault and  
battery on Albert L. Jones, colored, early  
Friday morning. Hutchinson gave bond  
of \$100 for his appearance for trial Tues-  
day.

## FRIENDS KILLED IN HOLOCAUST

FRIENDS OF CLARKSBURGERS KILL-  
ED IROQUOIS THEATER FIRE  
AT CHICAGO.

ALL LIVED IN GALESBURG, ILL.,  
AND WERE VERY INTIMATE  
AND CLOSE FRIENDS.

Mrs. Guy Henry, Sister and Mother, Met  
Death in Awful Stampede--Clarks-  
burgers Had Just Received Let-  
ters and Presents From  
Mrs. Henry.

Never in the chronology of the world's  
history has there such a terrible and  
awful catastrophe of its kind been en-  
acted as the appalling fire and stampede  
which occurred in the new Iroquois the-  
ater at Chicago on Wednesday afternoon,  
and in which nearly seven hundred peo-  
ple were killed and over four hundred  
maimed and injured in the short space of  
fifteen or twenty minutes.

Thousands of families all over the  
United States are in mourning over the  
sudden and untimely death of relatives  
and friends who were caught in that ter-  
rible stampede. Here in Clarksburg the  
people hardly realize the magnitude of  
the awful disaster until the news of some  
of their friends or relatives being killed or  
injured reaches them.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Ogden and Mr. and  
Mrs. S. E. Boggs, of this city, have  
just heard of the death of their intimate  
friend, Mrs. Guy Henry, of Galesburg,  
Illinois, who was killed in the theater  
stampede. Her body has been recovered  
and identified. Mrs. Henry's mother and  
her only sister are reported missing, and  
the family believe that they were killed,  
as they were in the theater at the time.

The Clarksburgers above mentioned  
formerly resided in Galesburg, and they  
were very intimate friends of Mr. Hen-  
ry's family having visited at their home  
and the members of the family having  
visited at the former's home in Gales-  
burg. Mr. Henry is the postmaster at  
Galesburg.

Only last week Mrs. Ogden and Mrs.  
Boggs received letters and Christmas  
gifts from Mrs. Henry. They are plun-  
ged in sorrow at the news of the death  
of their friends. Mrs. Henry, especially  
was a very popular and attractive wo-  
man.

## LABOR TICKET AT ADAMSTON

Will Be Nominated Monday Night at a  
Convention in the Primm Hall--Pres-  
ent Officers May be Nominees.

A convention will be held in the Primm  
hall at Adamston at 7:30 o'clock Mon-  
day night for the purpose of nominat-  
ing a municipal ticket. It is stated  
that it will be known as the Labor tick-  
et. The understanding is that the pre-  
sent municipal officers will be nominated.  
They are as follows:

William H. Camp, for mayor.

John W. Flanigan, for recorder.

Grant U. Miller, A. E. Crimm, J. E.  
Kidd, C. C. Price and George R. Criss,  
for councilmen.

## GOVERNMENT WILL DEPORT

Joseph Hoffbauer, the Strange Man in  
the County Jail, If Steamship Com-  
pany Does Not.

Dr. E. M. Steger, assistant surgeon of  
the United States Public Health and Ma-  
rine hospital service, who came here from  
New York to look after Joseph Hoff-  
bauer, has returned to New York under  
direction of the head officials of the ser-  
vice. Nothing definite was done with  
Hoffbauer's case before Mr. Steger left,  
but it is stated a man will be sent for  
him. He will be taken back to New York  
and further investigation will be made  
there. If it is found that the steamship  
company for whom Hoffbauer was work-  
ing as a sailor discharged him while he  
was in a demerited condition, it will be  
required by the government, to take  
charge of him and return him to his  
home in Bavaria. But if he went crazy  
after he was discharged from the ship,  
the government itself will deport him.  
Dr. Steger left Hoffbauer in the county  
jail, where he will remain until an of-  
ficer comes from New York for him.

Miss Alice Ridgely, of Washington,  
Pa. Miss Wilma Jacob, of Wheeling, and  
Miss Mollie Virginia Smith, of West Vir-  
ginia, Va. are the guests of Mr. and  
Mrs. Stuart F. Reed, of Maeberry street.

## HOGS ADMITTED TO OUR CITIZENSHIP

City Council Finally Repeals the  
Prohibitory Law on the Hog Ques-  
tion and Extends that Animal a  
Welcome Into Our Midst, With  
but Slight Opposition.

Routine Matters Attended to Mostly, Except that  
City Fathers Want an Amendment to the City  
Charter, Giving Authority to Quarantine--Fire  
Alarms Will be Sounded--Other Matters in  
General Attended to.

### WILL ENLARGE STORE.

A force of workmen are engaged in re-  
pairing and installing new fixtures in the  
store room, No. 357, in the Hoff build-  
ing on Main street, opposite Fourth. N.  
Baker, proprietor of Baker's Underseal-  
ing Store, has leased the room and will  
occupy it in connection with his store in  
No. 355. The wall between the two  
rooms will be torn out and both rooms  
made into one large store room. Mr.  
Baker is getting in a large stock of goods  
and expects to have the new room occu-  
pied shortly after the carpenters get  
through.

## LEFTY CORE IN TOWN

One of West Virginia's Great Athletes.  
His Good Work in W. & J. Game.  
Has Many Friends Here and is  
Quite Popular.

John Core, popularly known as  
"Lefty," of Morgantown, is in the city.  
He says the University town is thriv-  
ing and the outlook for athletics in the  
West Virginia University was never bet-  
ter.

Core is possibly one of the best all-  
round athletes in the state of West Vir-  
ginia. At baseball he is familiarly known  
here, having played on the winning  
Clarksburg team of the summer of 1902.  
He was one of the "old reliables" in  
the box and was often called upon to  
pull out of a close place.

At football he was one of the very  
best players on the University team,  
which did it up so good and proper to  
W. & J. His name, "Lefty," came from  
playing two years at left guard, but the  
past season Coach Trout put him at  
full back, which was his better place.  
Besides being swift on foot, he is a fierce  
line backer and was always good for two  
or three yards when given the ball. His  
avoidance of 202 pounds don't look  
good to the opposing line when he hits it.

He will be one of the twirlers for the  
University baseball team in the spring  
along with Black, of Allegheny, Arch, of  
Buckhannon, Bill Bowman, of Morgantown,  
and Captain Gröniger, of Charleston,  
all five of whom are enrolled in school  
for the year.

Mr. Core has a wide circle of friends  
in Clarksburg, who wish him all possi-  
ble success throughout his college career.

## CELEBRATED NEW YEARS

Seven Men Yanked Up by City Police  
for Displaying Too Much Enthusiasm  
on Occasion of Incoming Year.

Seven prisoners were arraigned before  
Mayor Crile in police court Saturday  
morning. They had been caught celebrat-  
ing the happy new year, but too much  
mirth and enthusiasm, with probably too  
much booze also, got them into the  
clutches of the law, and they were taken  
to the city jail for the excessive inter-  
est they took in the new year.

Three plain drunks were given three  
days' imprisonment in lieu of the pay-  
ment of three-dollar fines. Two more of  
the same variety drew five days' impris-  
onment. One drunk paid \$3 and the  
trimmings and obtained his liberty. Pat  
Robinson was drunk New Year's night  
and went to see the performance at the  
opera house. It is one of the rules of  
the house not to allow the presence of  
any drunken persons there, and Pat  
was caught up by the police and taken  
to the city jail.